

Mrs  
William B. Cohen

Log Cabin Lane  
Route 3 Box 508  
Anchorage, Ky.,  
March 13, 1958

Dear Mr. Newman -

Perhaps the best way to  
commence is by introducing myself  
to you. I am Phyllis Marks Cohen,  
daughter of Mrs. Ida Marks of  
Brookline, Massachusetts, who  
was a cousin to your late  
mother-in-law and father-in-law  
and, too, Esther Dumas. Having  
established our genealogical relation-  
ship, I will tell you why I am  
taking the liberty to write to  
you.

My husband belongs to  
the ever-growing cult of  
numismatists and I am searching  
for certain coins he is eager  
to have for his collection. When  
I mentioned this to my mother,  
she told me of your extensive  
activities in the field of

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numismatology and suggested that I write to you. I hope you don't mind.

It has been impossible for me to find the "Hawaiian Commemorative" coin for Bill and also the "Grant one star" quarter. I wondered whether in your dealings with coin you ever came across these little discs which have been evading me for some months. Of course, Louisville is rather limited in its selection of coins; however, even in Chicago and New York my luck has been negligible.

If you would be good enough to let me know whether you could secure the coin for me, I would begin to attempt to accumulate enough of the more common type of currency to cover their cost. Bill's birthday comes on August 25th and I'd like to give him the coin on the occasion if they are obtainable.

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We live in a semi-rural section about 15 miles from Lawrenceville where Bill practices law. When your travels bring you into this vicinity, we would be delighted to have you and Evelyn visit with us.

I trust I am not intrusive in asking a favor from a man I have not met personally. Still, having heard of your reputation as a numismatist, the impulse to communicate with you was irresistible.

With kindest regards to you and your family from Bill and me, I am

Sincerely,  
Phyllis Cohen

March 21, 1958

Mrs. William B. Cohen  
Log Cabin Lane  
Route 3, Box 503  
Anchorage, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Cohen:

My wife just left Boston where my daughter visited both Wellesley and Radcliffe and all of your family.

Your husband, being enthusiastic with respect to coins, has a disease I am fully familiar with. For 37 years I have been so afflicted. Most of my work today is in research, writing, and lecturing on the subject.

The two items which your husband wants are, of course, the most difficult in the particular series involved and one usually has to wait for them to come up at auctions to obtain them. When you say "Grant One Star" I think you mean a Grant With Star Commemorative Half Dollar. One of those was in the auction sale of James, Inc., which took place March 20, 1958. Since it was not a public auction you might ask them whether there was still time for you to make a bid. The trouble is that these items are expensive and your husband would not be happy if you overpaid for the item. He could go out and pay top price for the item. However, if you are convinced this is the only way to make him happy on his birthday I will keep my eyes open for the two coins and bid on them myself and try to get them for you at various auctions which will come up between now and the birthday.

Whenever you happen to be in St. Louis with your husband he might very much enjoy seeing parts of my collection. It has been a real source of pleasure to all of those who are participating in this wonderful hobby.

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Please tell me what dealers you went to see in New York and Chicago and I will see if I can find some other sources for you.

It is a pleasure to hear from you and I look forward to meeting you whenever the occasion permits.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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March 29th

Dear Mrs. Newman -

Many thanks  
for your cooperation  
in locating the coin  
I want for Bell.  
You are very kind  
indeed.

I have the copy  
of the letter you sent

Ms. William Byrdson Cohen

to Mr Ford and will  
be happy to forward  
a check for whatever  
you believe they  
should sell for at  
auction

With best wishes  
to you and yours for  
the Passover, I am

Sincerely,  
Phyllis Cohen

Lag Cabin Lane  
Route #3 Box 508  
Anchorage, Ky  
April 12, 1958

Dear Mr. Newman—

at the risk of being  
redundant, I want to thank  
you again for your invaluable  
assistance in my search for  
coins. I have the letter  
Mr. Warriser sent you  
regarding the value of the  
two commemorative half  
dollars I would like and,  
if my arithmetic is correct,  
they total \$222.50, as  
recently advertised.

In the hope that  
they can be obtained at  
an advantageous price  
through the auction, I



am enclosing \$200.- as my bid for the two coins. In the event that this sum is insufficient to purchase both coins, my first choice would be the Hawaiian. If I can't secure both, one will have to do.

Both my husband and I look forward to some day having the pleasure of meeting you personally and seeing some of your impressive collection of coins.

With kindest regards to you and your family, I am

Sincerely,  
Phyllis M. Cohen

April 28, 1958

Mrs. Phyllis Cohen  
Log Cabin Lane  
Route #3, Box 508  
Anchorage, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Cohen:

The Grant, with star, and Hawaiian half dollars were obtained and the price of them was an aggregate of \$210.58, including postage.

As you realize, these are very popular items and, as a result, brought close to top value. If you can send me a check for the \$10.58, payable to New Netherlands Coin Company, I will be glad to close the matter.

It was a pleasure to help you and I hope you are satisfied with this acquisition. You can give them to him one at a time instead of both at once and make yourself twice as good a wife.

I look forward to meeting you whenever and wherever our paths may cross.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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Lag Cohen Lane  
Route 3 Box 508  
Buckhara, Ky.,  
May 3, 1958.

Dear Mrs Newman -

How happy I am  
to have the cone in my  
possession! Your suggestion  
to present one at the time  
is excellent, and I shall  
certainly follow it

Without your help,  
I can't imagine acquiring two  
such massive discs in short  
order. Thanks again, sir, —  
I hope someday I may return  
the favor.

Cordially,  
Phyllis Cohen